

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) No such proposal has been received.

Appeals of Judgements of Fast Track Courts

†1242. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an appeal can be filed in High Courts against decisions of the Fast Track Courts;

(b) if so, whether there is any time limit in High Courts to dispose of such appeals; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Delimitation of Constituencies

1243. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the process of delimitation of Assembly and Parliamentary Constituencies has been completed by the Delimitation Commission;

(b) if not, the names of the States and Union Territories where the process has been completed and notifications issued by the Commission;

(c) the status of progress with respect to other States and Union Territories;

(d) whether the communities declared as Scheduled Tribes after the publication of 2001 census figures are going to get reserved seats in Assemblies and Parliament as required by the Constitution; and

(e) whether any attempt was made to order a special census for these communities in order that these communities get reserved seats as per constitutional mandate?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ):

(a) to (c) The details of progress made till date regarding delimitation of Assembly and Parliamentary Constituencies all over the country is given in Statement (See below).

(d) and (e) The entitlement of seats for the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes is purely on the basis of arithmetic calculations and neither the Constitution nor the Delimitation Act, 2002 permits the Delimitation Commission to make any deviation from the principle of entitlement of seats on the basis of published population figures of the census 2001.

Statement

Details of progress made till date regarding delimitation of Assembly and Parliamentary Constituencies

I. States where Final order has been notified:

Sl. No.	State	Date of notification
1.	Goa	31-3-05
2.	Pondicherry	31-3-05
3.	Tripura	12-05-05
4.	Mizoram	27-05-05
5.	Kerala	31-05-05
6.	Rajasthan	25-01-06
7.	West Bengal	15-02-06
8.	Punjab	19-06-06
9.	Chhattisgarh	02-06-06
10.	Maharashtra	31-07-06
11.	Sikkim	04-09-06
12.	Delhi	20-09-06

II. States where Public Sitzings have been held. Final notification in respect of these States are likely to be issued within one month.

Sl.No.	State	Date of Public Sitzings
1.	Himachal Pradesh	21st, 23rd & 25th April, 2006.
2.	Orissa	23rd to 26th May, 2006.
3.	Gujarat	19th, 21st, 22nd, & 23rd June, 2006.
4.	Uttar Pradesh	27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st August, 2006, 5th, 6th, 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th Sept., 2006.
5.	Uttaranchal	9th, 12th and 13th October, 2006.

B. States where draft proposals are published and public sittings are scheduled to be held.

Sl.No.	State	Date of Draft Notification	Date of Public Hearing
1.	Haryana	30-10-2006	28th, 29th and 30th Nov, 2006.

IV. Status of other States

Sl. No.	State	Position
1.	Andhra Pradesh	6 Meetings held with AMs.
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	Only paper 1 discussed with AMs.
3.	Assam	7 Meetings held with AMs. New Associate Members notified.
4.	Bihar	Working Paper being finalized for discussion with Associate Members.
5.	Jharkhand	Working Paper being finalized for discussion with Associate Members.
6.	Karnataka	3 Meetings held with Associate Members.
7.	Madhya Pradesh	4 Meetings held with Associate Members.
8.	Meghalaya	Only Papers-1 and 2 allocating Assembly seats to districts discussed with Associate Members. Papers 3 to 7 yet to be discussed with State Election Commissioner and Associate Members.
9.	Nagaland	Only Papers-1 and 2 allocating Assembly seats to districts discussed with Associate Members. Papers 3 to 7 yet to be discussed with State Election Commissioner and Associate Members.
10.	Tamil Nadu	6 Meetings held with Associate Members. New Associate Members notified.
11.	Manipur	Covered by court stay.

Comprehensive mineral policy

1244. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no comprehensive policy on mineral resources in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and